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ARRANGEMENT FOR MATCHING
TRANSMISSION RESOURCES
BETWEEN A CENTRAL AND A
NUMBER OF DECENTRALIZED
COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES

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Sir:

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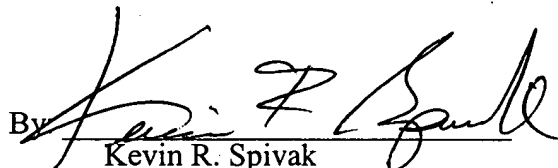
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1.	5/1994	EP 0 596 624 A2	EUROPE			X
	2.	11/1997	DE 691 26 462 T2	GERMANY			X
	3.	10/1998	WO 98/44758	WIPO			X
	4.	2/1999	WO 99/09689	WIPO			X
	5.	5/1997	WO 97/19567	WIPO			X

OTHER DOCUMENTS

(including author, title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

Examiner Initials	Ref. No.	Title
	6.	"Novel Algorithm for Time Division Multiple Access in Broadband ISDN Passive Optical Networks" by M. Glade and H. Keller; <u>International Journal of Digital and Analog Communication Systems</u> ; Vol. 6; pgs. 55-62; c. 1993

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